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SUBJ: RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE DECIDES TO TESTIFY BEFORE
PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION

REF: CAPE TOWN 193

1. AT MARCH 15 MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE OF
S. A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS, DECISION REACHED THAT INSTITUTE
WOULD NOT REFUSE TO GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION
OF INQUIREY. ACTION FOLLOWED CONSULTATION WITH INSTITUTE' S 50
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

2. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE STATED THAT WHILE INSTITUTE
REMAINED CONVINCED THAT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY
COMMISSION MADE IT TOTALLY UNSUITABLE FOR APPOINTED TASK
AND THAT A JUDICIAL COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPOINTED INSTEAD,
INSTITUTE AS A BODY WOULD NOT REFUSE TO GIVE EVIDENCE IF
REQUIRED TO DO SO, AS ITS AFFAIRS WOULD BEAR FULL EXAMINATION.
RESOLUTION CONTINUED THAT IF ANY MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE' S
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR STAFF FELT UNABLE FOR REASONS OF
CONSCIENCE TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION, THEIR DECISION WOULD
BE RESPECTED.

3. INSTITUTE' S DECISION LATER CONDEMNED BY GROUP OF DISSENTING
MEMBERS HEADED BY PETER RANDALL, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE' S
STUDY PROJECT ON CHRISTIANITY IN APARTHEID SOCIETY (SPROCAS).
TWO MEMBERS OF INSTIZUTE' S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THEY
WERE RESIGNING FROM IT AND THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO
COOPERATE WITH PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION.
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